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### Tax Commission urges electronic filing as income tax deadline approaches

As taxpayers rush to collect income tax forms and files to meet the April 15 midnight deadline, the Utah State Tax Commission encourages electronic filing.

Taxpayers who file state income tax returns online will receive their refunds much quicker than those who send in paper returns, says the Utah State Tax Commission.

"If you file electronically, you can plan on receiving your refund in a matter of weeks," says Charlie Roberts, Tax Commission spokesman. "Those who file by paper may wait several months to receive their refund."

"The downturn in the economy forced us to hire fewer temporary workers this tax season," Roberts says. "Electronic returns are processed faster because of the need for less manual intervention."

Frequently asked questions, including filing extension information and forms are available at [www.incometax.utah.gov](http://www.incometax.utah.gov). TaxExpress, Utah's online state income tax filing option for qualified filers, is also found at that web site.

The Tax Commission office, located at 210 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, will have return drop-off available until midnight on April 15. Forms, assistance, filing extension information and return filing options are available at offices in Ogden, Salt Lake City, Provo and Washington County during regular business hours.

Three electronic options available to Utah taxpayers:

- 1) Filing a joint electronic return with the federal income tax
- 2) Purchasing a commercial tax preparation software package or
- 3) Filing for free on the web at [taxexpress.utah.gov](http://taxexpress.utah.gov).